Ask City Hall

Answers to commonly asked questions about



City services and functions, living and working in Diamond Bar.

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City Hall does not handle any matters relating to parking citations. Payments as well as citation appeals are processed by the City's parking administration office at P.O. Box 25120 Santa Ana, CA 92799-5120. Parking citations can be paid only by mailing a check in the envelope provided with the citation. Additional questions concerning parking citations should be directed to the payment processing agency at 800.273.6488 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Edison Offers Discounted Rates

Looking for some relief from your energy bills? If so, Southern California Edison may be able to help.

Edison sponsors two special programs called CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy) and FERA (Family Electric Rate Assistance) that provide eligible residential customers with discounts off monthly electricity bills.

CARE offers income-qualified customers a discount of 20% or more off their monthly electricity bill. Families who don't qualify for the CARE program may still be eligible for a discounted rate through the FERA program which is designed for families of 3 or more who fall within the income guidelines and exceed their baseline usage by 30% or more.

For an application or to learn more about the discount programs, contact Edison at 1.800.447.6620.

Get Ready for Rainy Season Disasters

Rainy season has officially arrived, and the City would like to urge residents to prepare now and protect their property against possible flood or mudslide damage.

Homeowners are reminded that they are responsible for maintaining proper drainage structures on their property.

Below are steps homeowners and renters can take to reduce the risk of slope erosions and flood damage:

- Make sure all slopes drain properly and are cleared of any debris
- Check drains along retaining walls and remove overgrown landscaping
- Examine the solidity of earth berms on the property

• Measure side swales to ensure they are at least 24 inches away from the wall

For additional information and preparedness tips, contact the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040 or visit the LA County's Fire Department at www.fire. lacounty.gov.

Only Rain Down the Storm Drain

Residents are also reminded that the purpose of the city's storm drains help prevent flooding by carrying rain water away from streets and yards. Many people do not realize that storm drains are different and completely separate from the sewer system. Unlike sewer lines, which lead to treatment plants, storm drains lead directly to creeks, lakes, and the ocean. Whatever goes into a storm drain goes straight into waterways without being cleaned or filtered. Making

sure rain is the only thing going into the storm drains is very important.

Here are ways you can help:

- Keep trash cans and dumpsters closed
- Fix any leaky vehicles, and clean up oil leaks and spills immediately
- Pick up after your pets
- · Recycle your motor oil
- Use commercial carwashes

For more information, contact the City's Public Works Department at 909.839.7040.

Get Your Free Såndbags

Free sand and sandbags are available at two Diamond Bar fire stations, 119 and 121, located at 20480 Pathfinder Road, and 346 Armitos Road. Residents are limited to 25 sandbags and are required to fill their own bags.

As a reminder, sand bags are available at all county fire stations and sand may or may not be provided at that particular station. If obtaining sand bags at your local fire station and no one is there, the following options should be considered:

- Wait for fire station personnel to return to quarters
- · Go to the next closest fire station

 Go to any local retailer and purchase sand or sandbags

For more information call Fire Station 119 at 909.598.4290 or Fire Station 121 at 909.396.0164.



